

# XVI.

## Englands Comfort, and Londons Joy:

Expressed in the Royall, Triumphant, and Magnificent Entertain-  
ment of our Dread Soveraigne Lord, King *Charles*, at his blessed and  
safe returne from *Scotland*, on Thursday the 25. of Novemb. 1641.

By the Right Honourable Sir *Richard Gurney* Knight, Lord Major, and the  
Recorder, Sir *Thomas Gardner*, who were at that present both Knighted, who  
attended his Majestie with the other Right Worshipfull Knights and Alder-  
men, Sherifftes, and Companies of this famous City of *London*:

Together with the manner and forme how the State was to be obserued and per-  
formed, by the severall Companies on Horse-backe and foot; for the Conducting  
of his M. jesty the Queen, the Prince, and all the Royall Progeny, to the  
*Guild Hall*, *London*, to dinner, and from thence to his Majesties  
Palace at *White Hall*: Also the severall Speeches, and other  
Verses presented to his sacred Person at that time.



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**N**ot to delude my Reader with a long Preface to a short and brief Relation, I will first begin (as neare as true intelligence and eye-sight informed me) of this great dayes most magnificent and honourable Triumph and entertainment of our most Gracious Soveraigne, at his retурne from *Scotland* to this Honourable City of *London*. How some other Kings and Princes, of our own and other nations have been formerly entertained by the Lord Major and Citizens of *London*, it is (as I have read in our English Histories) set downe by me in short; towards the end of this Discouerie.

On thursday the 25. of this instant November, 1641. Mr. Alderman *Garret*, and his brother in office Mr. Alderman *Clarke* being both Sherifftes of *London*, with 72. of their men in Scarlet Liveries, road four miles towards *Theobalds* to meet his Majestie, with the City Trumpeters 14. in number, and they conducted his Majestic in-state untill such time as they came where the Lord Major, did attend, and was attended to welcome his Majestie as followeth. About eight of the clock in the morning, the Aldermen, with Mr. Recorder of *London*, all in Scarlet Gowins, with the City Councell, came all on horse-back to the Lord Majors house in the old Jury, and there they attended his Lordship some little time, till being all ready they road in brave Equipeage to Moore-fields (the Lord Major being in a most sumptuous Gowne of Crimson velvet) where 500. of the Companies all in coats of Velvet, every man of them having a Chaine of gold; Also every Horseman had a foot-man to attend him clad in a footmans Jacker and breeches according all trim'd and set out with the colours that belonged to those Companies

panies which they were free of. Also every Company had a horse-man which road severally in the front of each of them , which horse-man did likewise bear the Armes of such a one Company as hee attended. he being in all parts suited *Cap ape* accordingly.



All these attended his Lordships comming and then they all road in order to the further grounds joyning upon *Kingland*, where they met his Majestie, with the Queen, the Prince Charles, the Duke of Yorke, with the Princesses, Prince Palatine, Dukes, Marquesles, Earles, Viscounts, Barons, Lords, Knights, Gentlemen-Pentioners, Ladyes of Honour, together with 20. Scotish Lords and others ; with his Majesties Guard, and others of his followers, with the spectators of all degrees, sexes, Ages, and sizes, were innumerable : The bankes hedges, high-wayes streets, stalls, and windowes were all embroydered with millions of people , of all sorts and fashions.

*And all the way the boyes did climbe up trecs,  
And clung close to the boughes like swarmes of Bee.*

When his Majestie came neare to a house of Sir George Whitmores called *Balms*, where there was a Tent erected, in which the King lighted and refreshed himself, and a learned Speech made by Sir Thomas Gardner the Recorder, which done, his Sacred Majestie without delay of time Knighted the Lord Major and the Recorder; the said Horse-men humbly saluted his Majestie, and in a most commendable and worthy manner brought his Majestie into the City at *Moore-gate*, where all along by *London Wall* as far as from thence to *Bishoppes-gate*: some of the Companies stood in their Livery, within places



conveniently railed with Timber, their standings being adorned with Flags, Banners, Pendants, and Escouchions, and other hatchments, with blew cloth on the railles, unctill such time as they came as far as St. Laurence Lane end in Cheape-side, downe whiche Lane his Majestie turned to the *Gyld-Hall*, where he dined in a most Royall manner, where no cost was spared, and where his Majesties gracious Presence and acceptance was acknowledged by the Lord Major, and the whole City to the best cheare.

The rest of the Companies of *London* were all placed in their standings from the west end of St. Lawrence Lane through Cheape-side, and

and up Fleet-street to Temple Barre, adorned and set forth with such accoutrements as was done by the other Companies before.

After his Majesty was passed to the Guild-Hall, the 500. men and horse with their foot men, they passed up Cheap-side, and there in Pauls Church-yard they did set themselves in their former order; and attended till his Majesty had dined.

Note that the Kings Majesty with the Queen, the Prince, and the rest of the Royall off-spring that were there, did dine at the east-end of the *Guild-Hall*, in a place called the *Hustings* Court: The rest of the Lords, Ladies, and others also dined in the Hall.

After dinner, the Lord Major, with his brethren the Aldermen and the 500. Horse conducted his Majesty from the Guild-Hall, with 14. Trumpets with Banners in Scarlet Cloaks, Sac-Buts, Cornets, and all



instruments of musick usuall, with bells ringing at 121 parish Churches, where there was no fulings in exprestions of love and loyalty by the people, as appear'd by their shouts and acclamations: As also at the Conduits in the City as his Majesty passed by ran with Claret wine & Sack with drinking of innumerable healths to his Majesty (which heal he hope will not prove sickness to any.) In this magniscent manner (the

Lord Major, with the rest before mentioned, every one of the 500. footmen that attended the 500. horse-men having a gilded Truncheon in the one hand, and two Torches in the other ; they brought his Majesty to his Palace of white Hall , where the Lord Major and the rest most humbly tooke their leaves of his Majesty , who gave them all hearty thanks for their so large demonstrations of their loves and loyalties . This being done, the laid 500. horse-men, with foot men and torches returned back, attending the Lord Major to his house, of whom his Lordship most kinde took his leave, and every man retired to his home.

*Entertainments given to Kings in former times by the foresaid City.*

**S**ir Henry Picard, Knight Lord Major of the City of London, did in the yeare of our Lord, 1357. at one time entertaine and fealt 4. Kings, (viz.) Edward the ierd King of England, John King of France, David King of Scotland, and William King of Cyprns ; Also Edward the black Prince of Wales, the Prince Dauphin of France with all the Nobility and Gentry of Lords, Knights, Ladies and others, were worthily entertained by the said Lord Major, to their great contentments, and memorable Honour of this famous Citie.

But to come to neerer times, I finde in Master Stones Chronicle that Queene Elizabeth in Anno 1585. the 27. of her Raigne that she having been on progresse, and comming to her pallace of Saint James, was entertained by the Lord Major, his Brethren the Aldermen and Citizens, 200. of the Commoners being in Velvet Coates, with Gold chaines, on horseback, 1000. of the Compaines on foot, and 100. more that bare Torches. Sir Wolstan Dixey Knight Skinner, being then Lord Major.

King James (of blessed memory , at his retурne from Scotland, in the fifteenth yeare of his Raigne, Anno 1517. was met at Hyde Park by the Lord Major (Sir George Bole Knight Lord Major) and the Aldermen, and more then 400. Commoners of the City, with chaines of gold, and Velvet coates, and a present (a purse with five hundred pound presented to his Majestie. The like entertainment his Majestie (King James had at his comming to the Cathedral Church of St. Pauls in London, in the 18. yeare of his Raigne 1620 when Sir William Cockain was Lord Major where also al the Compaines stood within places in the way with Banners and Escouchions, and the streets railed, with Rich presents given.

In the 5. year of the Raigne of our now gracious King Charles, 1629. Sir James Cambell Knight (then Lord Major) feasted eleven Lords , all Knights of the Garter, and each of them fifty men with Chaines of Gold, and Liveries besides many other of the Nobility Gentry and Commoners then there nobly entertained. Verses

Veres Presented to his Majest.

W Hen Israel wuh Iudah did contest,  
Which of them ought to love King David best;

Iudah claim'd Kindred of the King, and said

That he (by Right) should still with them have straide : 2 Sam. 19.

But Is'el boldly to them straite reply'd, 41.42.

That Davld (onely) was with them t' abide ;

And that in him they had ten parts, (at least)

And therefore had most Right and interest.

These words caus'd wicked Sheba, (Bichri's Son)

Most madly to rebellious Armes to run;

But Sheba's head, which first contriv'd those jarrs) Chap.20.

Was lopp'd, and so was ended all the warrs.

I wish Great Britaine the like Song to sing

In love, who best shall love and serve the King :

Let Sheba's head be lost, and let us be,

England, and Scotland, both in Unity.

Hee's Ours and Theirs, and he is Theirs and Ours,

Let's love and serve him, with our Prayers, and Povvers ;

That as the King is one, so we as one

May praise God, for establishing his Throne.

When He, (our S V N N E of joy) from us set forth

His Raies illustrious, lightned all the North :

Whil'st sighes like Clouds, and floweres of Teares & Cares,

Was Londons, and faire Englands Southerne shares.

But this returne our sadnesse doth destroy,

Our Teares of grieve are turn'd to Teares of joy ;

Our Night of woe, we patiently endur'd,

Our Mornings joy is come we are assur'd.

Hee's come to salve this Kingdomes discontents,

To cure all wrenches, fractures, spraines and rents,

Where Church, and Common Wealth is dislocated ;

And all good men amazed and amated.

Gods Great Lieutenant, foyre great Kingdomes King,

No doth but he those mischifes downe shall ding

To Hells blacke Vault, from whence they first assended,

And with a blessed peace, all strife be ended.

Now followes the speech spoken to his Majesty.

Dined

*Dread Sovereigne.*

Holme Royall presence doth now againe revive our once dejected  
hearts , beeing overwhelmed with sorrow for your Majesties so  
long absence : Behold , behold most royall Sovereigne , how your  
loyall subjects , and wel affected people tryumph , making such acclamations  
of joy , as not only happy of your Majesties returne , but late returning ; their  
hearts , hands , and countenances speak that which their tongues are not a  
ble to expresse . True subjects are joyfull whilst ill-affected Traytors , bull-  
rush like , bow down their heads , as being fearfull to behold so sacred a Ma-  
jesty , as your royall selfe , whose proues & religious actions are no lesse then  
quotidian Lectors to be read to all Christian Princes abroad , and a pattern  
to all your Subjects at home . Pompey is forced to fly , when mighty Cæsar  
once doth come in place , so let all your enemies fly and bee consumed be  
fore your sacred person . Welcome , welcome dread Sovereign , upon which  
words shalld my tongue for ever harpe , yet would my heart still confess  
that expression were wanting unto my loyall desire : Blessed , and for ever  
let them be happy , those loyall , and our well affected brethren , the Scots I  
meane , which gave so good entertainment to so royall a Prince , whose  
Raigne , your well-affected Subjects here present , do pray to the Heavenly  
Iehovah , who hitherto hath been your Majesties Protector and defender ,  
may be as long as happy , which Conjunction will prove a happy Union .  
So the great God of heaven blesse your sacred Majesty , your royall Con-  
sort , and our most hopefull Prince , and the rest of the Royall Progeny with  
health , peace , and happinesse in this World , and eternall joyes in the next .

**I**N Ovids *Metamorphosis* I finde  
Transformed forms , and strange mishapen Shapes ;  
Of humane transmutation from thence : King  
To Wolves , to Beares , to Dogs , to Pyes , to Apes ;  
Yet these were but poetical escaptes ,  
(Or Moralizing of unnat'ral dæmons )  
To shew that Treasons , Murders , Incests , Rapes ,  
From Beastlike mindes , (in him no firmes ) proceeds  
But through thy power (which my poore Muse inflames )  
A greater wonder is perform'd by me :  
I have transform'd a Boat from off the Thames ,  
Unto a horse , to come to welcome thee .  
And now thy Gracions fight I do attain ,  
Ile turne that Horse into a boat againe :  
And all whom thy returne dun not delight ,  
Let them be hang'd , and then they have their right .

Verſes presented  
to the Kings  
owne hand by  
John Tayl. r.

FINIS.

